INTRODUCTION TO LANDING SUPPORT OPERATIONS

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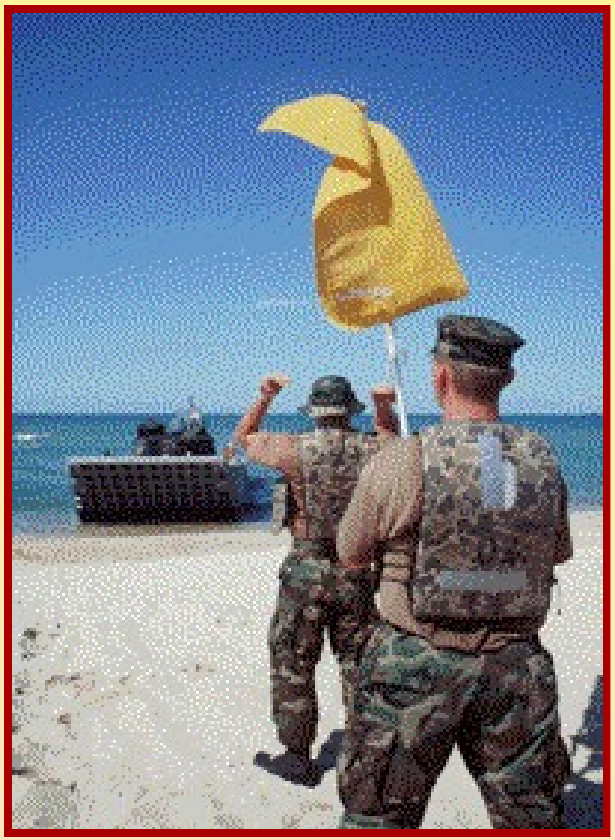

LECTURE OUTLINE

- Define the Landing Force Support Party (LFSP).
- State the Mission of the LFSP.
- Describe the LFSP Activation Order.
- Identify the LFSP Command and Control Nucleus.
- Describe the different LFSP Elements.
- Define the Beach Support Area (BSA) Overlay.

LANDING FORCE SUPPORT PARTY (LFSP)

LANDING FORCE SUPPORT PARTY

- a temporary organization composed of Navy and Marine Corps elements tasked to provide initial combat service support during ship-to-shore movement.
- created and organized via the Activation Order from the CLF.
- provides CSS to the Landing Force until CSSE is ashore and capable of full logistics support.

LFSP MISSION

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- facilitate the landing and movement of troops, equipment, and supplies across beaches and ports into the landing zones.
- assist in the evacuation of casualties and prisoners of war during the early stages of the amphibious assault.
- assist in the beaching, retraction and salvage of landing ships, crafts and amphibious vehicles.

LFSP
ACTIVATION ORDER

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- creates and outlines the LFSP organization, equipment needs,
and training requirements.

- designates the LFSP commander.

- signed by the CLF.

LFSP
COMMAND AND CONTROL

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in support of a
BATTALION LANDING TEAM

- a Marine Captain (0-3) as the LFSP Commander

- Landing Support Platoon provides C2 for:

Shore Party Team
Helicopter Support Team

LFSP
COMMAND AND CONTROL

in support of a
REGIMENTAL LANDING TEAM

- a Marine Major (0-4) as the LFSP Commander

- Landing Support Company provides C2 for:

Shore Party Group
Helicopter Support Group

LFSP
COMMAND AND CONTROL

in support of a
DIVISION LANDING

- a Marine Lieutenant Colonel (0-5) as the
  LFSP Commander

- Landing Support Battalion provides C2 for:

  Shore Party Group
  Helicopter Support Group

LFSP ELEMENTS

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SHORE PARTY TEAM/GROUP

- Conducts landing support across a colored beach.

- SPT in direct support of a Battalion Landing Team (BLT).

- SPG in direct support of a Regimental Landing Team (RLT)

LFSP ELEMENTS

SHORE PARTY LIAISON TEAM

- deploys with the S-4 of the BLT.

- usually consists of an NCO logistician and a radio operator.

- provides liaison between BLT and rear echelons.

LFSP ELEMENTS

ADVANCE PARTY

- consists of command and administrative section, military police section, communication section, motor transport and heavy equipment section, medical section.

- responsible for:
  - establishing command post
  - erecting flanks
  - reconnaissance of dump sites/routes

BSA OVERLAY

- a “blueprint” for the build up of the beach
  support area.

- contains the following information:

traffic flow pattern	SPT/BPT Headquarters
EPW compound	equipment parks
landing sites	evacuation stations
water points	supply dump sites

LFSP ELEMENTS

SHORE PLATOON

- lands in LCU’s/LCAC’s with high priority equipment.

- responsible for building the beach in depth.

- establishes all supply dumps; constructs roads; installs MOMATS.

LFSP ELEMENTS

SERVICE PLATOON

- operates all supply dump sites.

  food
  ammunitions
  exchange items
  medical and dental repair parts

- administers Graves Registration.

LFSP ELEMENTS

MOTOR TRANSPORT/ HEAVY EQUIPMENT PLATOON

- brings heavy motor transport and all heavy equipment (forklifts, bulldozers, etc.) to support general offload, and build up of beach support area (BSA).

LFSP ELEMENTS

SPT HEADQUARTERS

- balance of the headquarters element which
  did not deploy with the Advance Party.

- completes the command and control and the
  command post set-up.

LFSP ELEMENTS

NAVAL BEACH GROUP

- Beach Masters Units: provides command and control; landing craft guidance, salvage, and repair.

- Amphibious Construction Battalions: provides causeways, barges, tugs, salvage teams.

- Assault Craft Units: provides LCM’s, LCU’s, LCAC’s for ship-to-shore transportation of personnel, supplies and equipment.

LFSP ELEMENTS

BEACH PARTY TEAM/GROUP

- Navy components of the LFSP corresponding with the Shore Party Team/Group.

- made up of personnel from BMU’s, ACU’s. Amphib Seabees.

LFSP ELEMENTS

HELICOPTER SUPPORT TEAM

- facilitates the landing and movement of helicopter-borne forces, equipment and supply within the landing zone.

- advance party of 8 to 10 people.

- responsible for constructing the LZ.

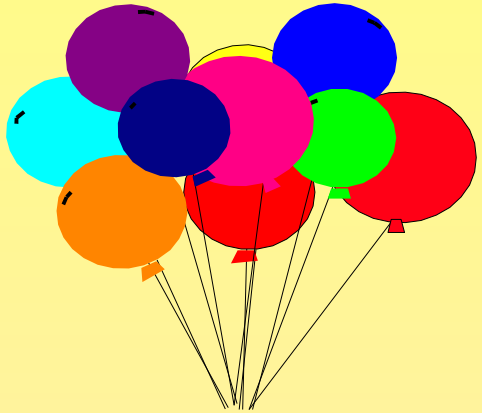
LFSP ELEMENTS

HELICOPTER SUPPORT TEAM

- HST Headquarters responsible for command and control in the LZ.

- Landing Zone Platoon responsible for:
  - preparing, marking, maintaining landing sites
  - establishing and maintaining communication
  - loading and unloading helicopters
  - evacuating EPW’s
  - medical evacuation
  - planning and maintaining security of the LZ

QUESTIONS?



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